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BATTLE ROYALE
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SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawai

18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda

19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

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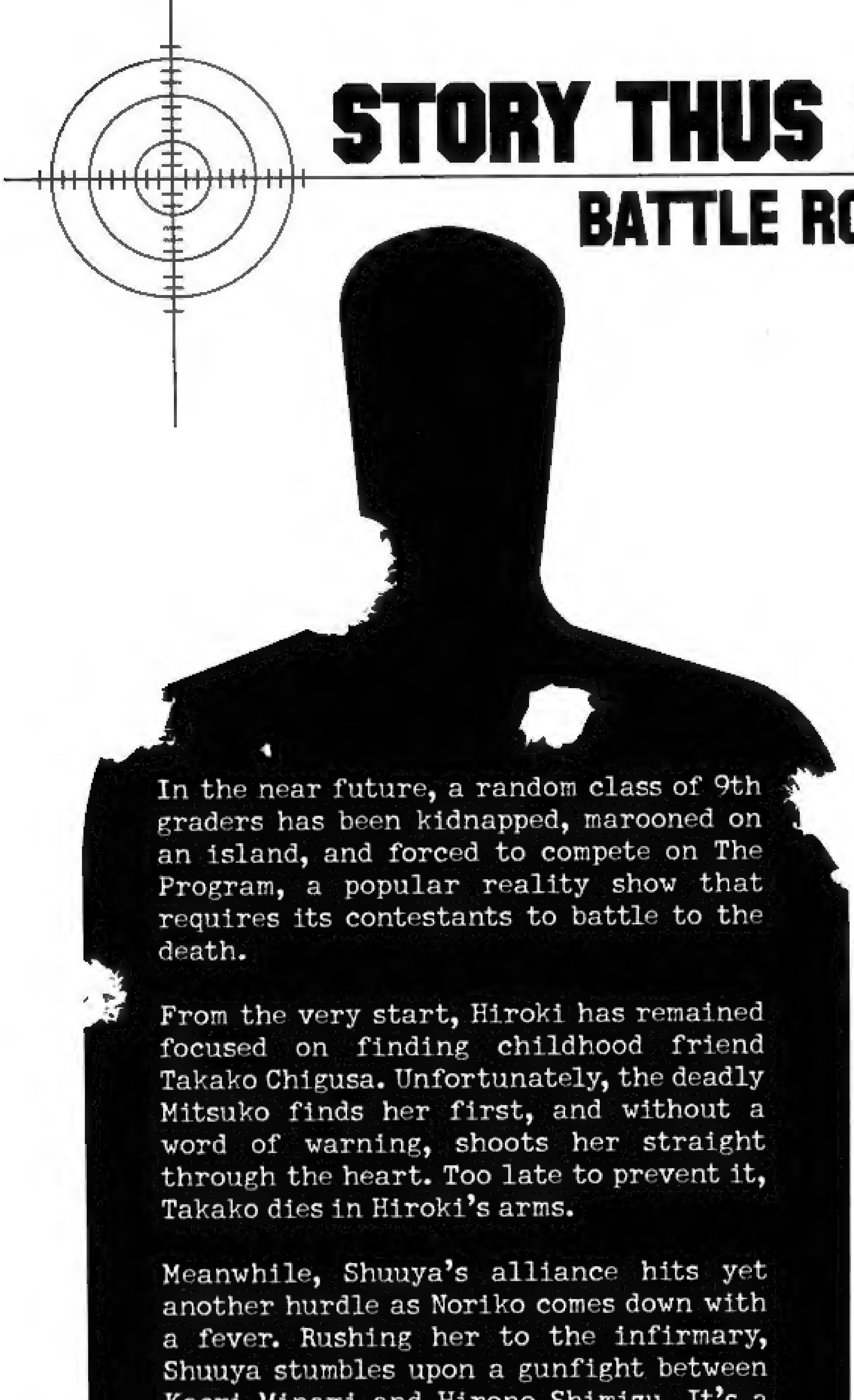
BATTLE ROYALE



In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on The Program, a popular reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death.

From the very start, Hiroki has remained focused on finding childhood friend Takako Chigusa. Unfortunately, the deadly Mitsuko finds her first, and without a word of warning, shoots her straight through the heart. Too late to prevent it, Takako dies in Hiroki's arms.

Meanwhile, Shuuya's alliance hits yet another hurdle as Noriko comes down with a fever. Rushing her to the infirmary, Shuuya stumbles upon a gunfight between Kaori Minami and Hirono Shimizu. It's a volatile situation that's only made worse by his attempt at getting them to join his alliance. The crazed Kaori shoots Hirono in the arm, then turns on Shuuya, who is saved at the last moment by Shogo.

Finally, after their initial plan to take down The Program fails, Shinji Mimura and Yutaka Sato put their backup plan in motion. A plan that involves delivering a crude bomb to the place it will do the most damage...the "school" which serves as The Program control center.

Fist.

YUTAKA SETO. THAT'S ME. I'M THE ONE CHEWING FIST.

Y'KNOW, LIKE I WAS BORN WITH A "PUNCH ME" PUSS.

?

MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE WAY I LOOK. GOTTA BE.

I DO WHAT I CAN.

NOT THAT I TAKE IT.

HUH ?

zkt

zzzp

NOT SO TOUGH NOW, ARE YOU?! HAH? HAH?!

"WHEN IN DOUBT, GROSS THEM OUT." WORDS TO LIVE BY.

GAH!

FUCKIN' GROSS!

TASTE YELLOW DEATH, MEAT MONKEYS!

IT'S NOT ALWAYS PRETTY, BUT A GUY'S GOTTA DO WHAT A GUY'S GOTTA DO.

LITTLE SHIT!!

CHAPTER 33: Rouse

!

!

UM ...

07

"

KCK

SHIT!
SHIT!!
SHIT!!!

YOU ARE SO DEAD!

SLAM!
AHH!
PATHETIC.

...HE'S JUST A LITTLE KID.

TWO OF YOU FOR THIS? I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM...

NINTH GRADE? YOU?

.....

HUH?

NINTH GRADE! JUST LIKE YOU!

NUH-UH!

YOU'RE SERIOUS?

POCARI SWEAT

OOPS... JUST A SEC.

THERE.

... A MIDGET OR WHATEVER?

SO... YOU'RE LIKE, WHAT...

CHEAP SHOT, BASTARD!

'WEAT

I MEAN... NO OFFENSE OR NOTHING...

Asahi SOFT DRINKS

NYAH!

ZIP

HEARD THERE'S SOME CHICKS THAT REALLY DIG IT.

NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING A MIDGET, Y' KNOW.

THAT.

OH.

RIGHT ...

"TASTE YELLOW DEATH"?

UM.. NOT... NOT A MIDGET.

YOU THINK GUYS LIKE THAT CARE ABOUT CRAZY?

IF I WAS YOU, I'D WORK UP A BETTER DEFENSE. "TASTE YELLOW DEATH"? GEEZ!

MAYBE THEY'D BACK OFF OR... OR... I DUNNO.

LIKE A SPECIAL ED KID?

I FIGURED... IF THEY THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY...

I JUST... UM...

!!

GRRR

NOT TOO STUPID ...

YEAH ... RIGHT ...

HUH?

NEXT TIME I'LL LEAVE YOU TO THE ASS WHIP--

WAY TO SHOW GRATITUDE, KID.

HEY!

HUH ?

OMI-GOD!

FA!!!!!

THEY WON'T BE BOTHER-ING YOU AGAIN. NO, THEY WON'T!

wh-hine

THE BAD GUYS'RE GONE. YOU SHOULD'A SEEN IT!

... OKAY. IT'S OKAY NOW.

whimper

.....

GRRRR

SEE? HE'S THANKING YOU TOO.

THANKS FOR HELPING.

THOSE GUYS, THEY WERE GONNA HURT HIM.

HE'S JUST A PUPPY.

YOU ALMOST GOT YOUR ASS KICKED OVER SOMEONE'S DOG?

THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT?

THAT?

.....

OUR LANDLORD DOESN'T ALLOW PETS.

AWWW

I WANT TO... BUT I CAN'T.

.....

!

SO... YOU TAKING HIM HOME WITH YOU?

UH... SURE.

SO... SO I TRY TO DO WHAT I CAN... Y' KNOW?

wrr-r-rf...

GONNA NEED A PICTURE.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

I JUST HOPE THAT MUG OF YOURS DOESN'T SCARE AWAY TOO MANY PROSPECTS.

AND I'D SAY YOUR FRIEND THERE DEFINITELY QUALIFIES.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SUCKERS FOR ANYTHING EVEN REMOTELY CUTE.

"LOOKING FOR NEW OWNER," OR SOME SUCH.

FIGURED WE'D POST THE PIC ON THE WEB. THINK UP AN APPROPRIATE CAPTION...

LITTLE GUY LIKE THAT DESERVES BETTER THAN A CARDBOARD BOX. AM I RIGHT?

WELL? WHAT DO YOU SAY? WE DOING THIS?

.....

IS HE EVER WRONG?

FUNNY HOW BEST FRIENDS HAPPEN WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT. ME AND SHINJI MIMURA. WHO'D'A THUNK IT?

YEAH ... RIGHT!

LO !!..

YEAH... I GOT ALL KINDS'A WEIRD CRAP CIRCLIN' AROUND UP HERE. MUCHO GONZO, Y' KNOW?

MAN, I'D NEVER THINK OF--

THAT IS SUCH A GREAT IDEA!

POST ON THE WEB!

ALL THAT MIDGET CRAP. SHORT'S COOL. YOU WEAR IT WELL.

ME 'N MIM ...

HUH?

OH... AND SORRY ABOUT EARLIER ON...

HE CAN BUNK DOWN AT MY PLACE TILL WE FIND HIM A REAL HOME. I'M THINKING THAT WON'T TAKE LONG AT ALL.

GATHER UP HIS THINGS.

IT ALL HAPPENED SO SMOOTH... EASY. ONE MINUTE STRANGERS, THE NEXT...

WHAT I DO KNOW IS, COMES TO FRIENDS, THERE'S NONE BETTER THAN MIM.

ALTHOUGH, WHAT DREW MIM TO ME... DAMNED IF I KNOW. ... FRIENDS.

ME TOO. ♡

HIS HACKING SCHEME BLEW UP BECAUSE HE HAD TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME. TURNS OUT WE'RE ALL WIRED FOR SOUND...

NEED PROOF? CHECK IT OUT...

AND HE JUST PLUNGES RIGHT INTO HIS BACKUP PLAN. NO TRYING TO PEG BLAME...

AND WHAT A PLAN B! WE'RE GONNA BLOW UP THE SCHOOL... GONNA TRY. GONNA TRY OUR DAMNEDEST!

...NO HARD FEELINGS. RIGHT TO PLAN B.

MANURE

... OR MANURE OR... ANYTHING'LL GO BOOM GIVEN THE "INCENTIVE."

MIM'S UNCLE SAW TO PROVIDING AN IGNITION DEVICE...DON'T ASK. NOW ALL WE NEED'S SOME GASOLINE OR...

HANG ON!

ACTUALLY, I KINDA LIKE THAT... THE PROGRAM TAKEN DOWN BY A SHIT BOMB...

PLEASE LET THERE BE GASO-LINE ..

GUESS WE GOTTA TAKE OUR METHANE WHERE WE FIND IT.

ICK ...

tak tak

... MIM THINKS SOMETHING THROUGH, HE THINKS IT THROUGH ALL THE WAY.

ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL LEARN ...

how do we deliver it? School = full time danger zone

Even if we do get a big enough bang to blow the school

SCHOOL'S SURROUNDED BY HILLS. IT'S DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY ONCE WE LAUNCH.

ROPE AND PULLEY. WE MAKE A ROPEWAY.

ONCE OUR LITTLE SURPRISE PACKAGE REACHES THE SCHOOL...

... WE CUT THE ROPE AND "BOMB'S AWAY." THE SLAM DUNK TO END ALL SLAM DUNKS.

WITH THE COLLARS DOWN, NO ONE CAN TRACK US. WE HIT THE WATER AND DON'T LOOK BACK.

MIM'D ALREADY FACTORED MY... INADEQUACIES INTO THE ESCAPE.

tak -ak

WHEN WILL I EVER LEARN?

Actually I kind of suck

Slight problem I'm not the best swimmer

?!

KM. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BUILDING A RAFT FIRST

skt

skrt

SWIM WITH THE TIDE AND IT'S TWENTY MINUTES, GIVE OR TAKE, TO THE NEXT NEAREST ISLAND.

TIDE'LL JACK MY SPEED UP TO A GOOD SIX TO SEVEN KILOMETERS PER.

IF WE MOVE FOR TONIGHT, WE'VE GOT A FULL MOON HIGH TIDE.

TWO BODIES ARE HARDER TO SPOT THAN A RAFT, SO MIM FOUND A WAY TO MAKE IT WORK!

ARE WE TALKING GENIUS OR ARE WE TALKING GENIUS?!

.....

.....

'COURSE SAYING'S EASIER THAN DOING.

NO ONE KNOWS THAT BETER THAN MIMURA.

?!

tok tok

They can't have drained every tank on the island, if they thought to drain at all.

Here's the deal ... Gasoline we should be able to syphon from a car or cars.

11

People garden. Should be an easy find.

I saw a pulley at a well, so there's that. Fertilizer will do for manure ...

Going to be a tough find, if we find it at all.

... 300 meters easy. Probably more. That's a single length.

tak tak

Rope's going to be a problem. In order to cover the distance we need, we're talking...

Fore-warned. This plan has flaws up the wazoo. But it's the best I can come up with on short notice.

.....

tak tak

there's no guar-antee that Shore Patrol won't find us once we're out there.

Now, assuming every-thing goes accord-ing to plan, and things never do...

You with me, midget?

Last chance to back down. No hard feelings.

.....

HE SHOULD KNOW BY NOW..

Okay!

...let's make some trou-ble!

JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT AND LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

LET'S DO THIS THING, TOGETHER!

FRIENDS TOUGH IT OUT TOGETHER. IF YOU'VE TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, YOU'VE TAUGHT ME THAT.

I'M IN ALL THE WAY AND THEN SOME!

SURE IT'S AN ORAL FIXATION. IS THERE ANY OTHER KIND?

PATIENCE, MY SWEET

NINTH GRADE/CLASS B - BOY #14:

SHO TSUKIOKA

YET ANOTHER ORAL FIXATION... MM-HMMM...

M-H.

M-H.

A MOMENT WITH HIM THEN, MY SWEET, IF ONLY TO CALM THE CRAVING...

sch-ch sch-ch

NO, WE CAN'T...

CAN'T HAVE HIM SMELLING YOUR BOU-QUET... YOUR SWEET, SWEET BOUQUET.

SOON ENOUGH... SOON ENOUGH...

.....

MHM

YES WE DO... AND DON'T WE LOVE IT!

DON'T WE JUST CR-RAVE IT!

WE CAN'T HAVE HIM KNOW WE'VE FOUND HIM... BEEN FOLLOWING HIM...

CAN'T HAVE THAT... NOT AFTER ALL WE'VE SEEN. SOMEONE'S BEEN A BA-MAD BOY...

SWEETNESS

SHOW PUB 真琴

真琴

CLUB

LIKE YOU AIN'T HAD WORSE RAMMED DOWN YOUR FUCKIN' THROAT!

FUCKIN' NO ACCOUNT DRAG QUEEN BITCHES GONNA PULL ATTITUDE ON ME? SEE WHERE THAT GETS YOU!

COME ACROSS ALL HIGH TONE 'N TOO GOOD TO DRINK WITH THE LIKES OF ME?! SHIT!!

...ALREADY A PROB-LEM?

DADDY DEAREST ...

!

SHO, HONEY, THANK GOD!

HONESTLY, WERE IT NOT FOR THE CHOICE CUTS HE PACKS...

SIGH... WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

IT'S RYUJI. AGAIN! YOU KNOW HOW HE GETS.

ANY EXCUSE TO CAUSE TROUBLE, THAT ONE.

SO DOES HE, THE BITCH! DOES HE CARE?

HE POURED LENA A DRINK. YOU KNOW LENA CAN'T DRINK.

DO WHAT I DO BEST?

♡

DON'T FRET, DEAREST ...

.....

...PERHAPS WERE YOU TO... YOU KNOW...

SO ...

WHAT SAY WE DISMISS THE *DRAB* QUEEN, HMMM?

POUR US A DRINK AND LET'S SEE WHAT... COMES UP. ♡

SINCE WHEN'S SOME FAG BAG BITCH COMING OFF TOO GOOD TO DRINK WITH ME?!

ALREADY POURED A GOODAMN DRINK!

!

I'LL POUR MY OWN DRINK. SAVE YOU THE BOTHER. ♡

TSK... TELL YOU WHAT ...

HMM ... ♡

CHANNELING THE MACHO MAN AGAIN, ARE WE?

... I LIVE FOR MOMENTS LIKE THESE. ♡

!

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?!

HEY! THAT'S MY FUCKIN' BOTTLE YOU'RE SCOFFIN' ..

HARD GRIP FOR A QUEEN ...

HUH!

SLUG

NEXT TIME I DIG FOR BLOOD. LET'S NOT HAVE A "NEXT TIME"... HMM?

!!

?

CAN'T SHOW A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR THE DRINKY-POO?

CAN'T WHAT?

YOU CAN'T

clk

OH. AND THANKS FOR THE DRINK, HON

!!

HUH!

HOW'S THIS, HMM? RECOGNIZE ANYONE?

AND WHO'S THIS WITH YOU? GRACIOUS... COULD IT BE YOUR BOSS'S WIFE?

MMM

IT'S YOU, YOU BIG SILLY! AND AREN'T YOU LOOKING VIRILE!

!!

PERHAPS SEEN FROM A BETTER ANGLE?

YE-ESS... DEFINITELY YOUR BOSS'S WIFE. HONESTLY... WHAT YOU SEE IN HER...

SIGH... I'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE ALLURE OF BISEXUALITY.

MY BOSS... I'M YAKUZA...

.....

IT'S ALWAYS STRUCK ME AS AN UNNECESSARY PIT STOP ON THE WAY TO GAY.

IS IT STILL STALKING IF THE PERSON DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE THERE? YOU NEVER KNEW...

I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR A WHILE. I'VE LUSTED AFTER YOU FROM AFAR, YES I HAVE.

SEXY BEAST

DON'T I KNOW IT.

!!

I'M A ROMANTIC AT HEART, I REALLY AM. AND PASSIONATE? JUST GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY.

grip

IT'S HOW I LUCKED ONTO YOUR PINK PASSION WITH LITTLE MISSY YAKUZA.

I MAKE INFATUATION SCRAPBOOKS. PHOTOS AND THE LIKE OF MY OBSESSIONS. AM I FREAKING YOU OUT?

TITS? RIGHT ...

PUSSY? OH... MEOW!

ALL... ALL...

OVER-RATED ♡

YOU LIKE IT... I CAN TELL... WHAT'S SHE GOT THAT I DON'T HAVE?

AH...

HUH...

YEH... SURE... SURE...

HOUSTON... WE HAVE LIFT OFF.

BUT I DIGRESS... WE'LL BE BESTEST BEHAVING FROM NOW ON, WON'T WE, DEAREST? ♡

shmm...

shmm...

AND BUYING ROUNDS FOR THE HOUSE! COME COME, QUEERIE DEARS, I EAGERLY AWAIT THE ACCOLADES.

♡

SUCH A GENTLE-MAN!

DADDY WAS A BUSI-NESS-MAN IN STYLISH PUMPS.

ME?

I WAS A CHIP OFF THE OL' COCK. NEVER TOO YOUNG TO LEARN A TRADE, ISN'T THAT THE TRUTH.

I'D FOUND MY CALLING AND REALLY, HOW MANY KIDS CAN SAY THAT?

POP

BELIEVE IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT MYSELF!

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT, FEARLESS, AND I WAS A LONG PIG CAN'T YOU?

THE TRICK WAS IN KNOWING WHEN TO PLAY IT OUT AND WHEN TO HOLD IT BACK.

STILL ALL AND PROUD TO BE TAKE THAT TO THE BANK!

WELL PLAYED, SON... WELL PLAYED!

HRP

WE THINK NOT, DON'T WE, MY LITTLE NICOTINE WHORE?

PLAYED TO WIN, OLD QUEEN. IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY?

WOULD HE KILL US— GIVEN THE CHANCE?

AND IS HE CAREER-OLS, THIS ONE? WOULD HE HURT US?

FOLLOWING... LUSTING FROM AFAR. AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN... MMMMM...

AND WHAT WOULD HE DO IF HE KNEW? IF HE KNEW WE WERE WATCHING...

HE WOULD... OH YES, HE WOULD...

...AND HIROSHI...

LIKE RYUHEI...

O.O PPP

.....

STOP WITH THE FAGGY-ASS NICKNAMES ALREADY!

BOSS IS "BOSS"! OVER AND OUT!

GOODNIGHT, SHO!

...AND SWEET, SWEET MITSURU.

I WONDER... AT THAT FINAL MOMENT...

SUCH LOYALTY! SUCH DEDICATION! SUCH AN EASY TARGET!

YUKIKO AND... WHOEVER. UGLY, UGLY DEATHS. YUMIKO! YUKIKO AND YUMIKO.

SILLY B.TCHES. DIDN'T THEY KNOW WORD ONE ABOUT HUMAN NATURE?

SUCH A TOUCH-ING PLEA.. "JOIN US! JOIN US!"

... WHAT WAS THE LAST THING HE FELT? BETRAYED? SHOCKED? ELATED? DID HE DIE BEFORE THE PAIN REGIS-TERED?

THE GIRLS DIDN'T... THE G.RLS DIED UGLY.

WHEN IT'S DO OR DIE, SOMEONE'S GONNA GET DONE. BEST BE SURE IT'S NOT YOU.

THE HELL OF IT IS, I DON'T THINK HE FELT ANYTHING.

MAYBE IT'S BET-TER THAT WAY... EASIER.

NOT A GOD-DAMN THING...

NOT THAT I'LL EVER KNOW... DOUBLE DERRINGER.

GO ON. PLAY WITH YOUR TOY, PRETTY BOY... ♡

!!

BE LUCKY TO BRING DOWN A SQUIRREL WITH THIS 22MM PIECE 'A CRAP.

SIGH... THE PRETTI-EST BOYS ALWAYS GET THE BEST TOYS.

ELIMINATE THEM ALL, ONE BY ONE BY ONE... I'LL BE WATCHING, DEAREST... HELD RAPT BY THE SPECTACLE.

♡

SO... THERE'S BLOOD TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT IF YOU'VE GOT A HEART, THAT IS

AN
AT I GET
AHEAD OF
MYSELF

♡

AND WHEN THERE ARE ONLY THE TWO OF US LEFT?

B CLASS DOES HAVE IT'S SHARE OF... CONTENDERS, YES IT DOES.

I'VE'VE NOT YET FACED A WORTHY OPPO-NENT

AND MAEKA' SWEET, SWEET MAEKA UNDER-ESTIMATE HIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

♡

SEXY SCAR, TACHIBANA

SECOND KAMACA NASTY PIECE OF WORK, THAT ONE

WILL YOUR LAST THOUGHTS BE OF ME? I'D LIKE THAT.

WILL YOU REMEMBER SHO TSUKIOKA? STILL ALIVE AND KICKING AND LUSTING FROM AFAR...

PAST YOUR... GLORIOUS PAIN?

I THINK YOU'LL BE HURTING... HURTING BAD. AND WILL YOU REMEMBER PAST YOUR PAIN?

I THINK NOT.

CAN EVEN YOU TAKE THEM ALL ON AND WALK AWAY UN-SCATHED?

A 22MM VALEN-TINE...

ONE BUL-LET...

.....

SUCH DELICIOUS IRONY, DON'T YOU AGREE?

AND THE LAST MAN STANDING IS WEARING HIS MOTHER'S PANTIES.

BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

number seven in a series

Kazuo Kiriyama

HEIGHT: 181 cm

WEIGHT: 58 kg

EXTRA CURRICULAR: N/A

PRIMARY TALENTS: Instinctual athleticism, intuitive grasp of all / any martial arts discipline(s) (ref: savant)

PRIMARY WEAKNESS: Emotional immaturity (ref: sociopath)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Ingram M10 sub machine gun

PERTINENT BACKGROUND: Machine efficient (ref: sociopathic behavior patterns / sub ref: developmental years); the first contestant to fully embrace the game mechanics. Parentage questionable (maternal infidelity a strong possibility). Perceived leader of local street gang(s) although strong evidence suggests subject is a willing front for Boy # 17 (ref: Numai, Mitsuru).

CONCLUSION(S): Projected winner barring unforeseen circumstance. A natural!

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AHH... THE THRILL OF THE HUNT! WHO DIES NEXT, SWEETNESS?

DOES IT MATTER?

DO WE CARE? I THINK NOT. ♡

CHAPTER 35: Trap

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? O-O?

WHAT'S THIS

.....

NO, NO, SWEETNESS. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! D-8 TURNS RESTRICTED AT FIVE SHARP!

DAMMIT! WHY ARE WE HERE?!

AM I MISSING SOME-THING?

LESS THAN SIX MINUTES UNTIL...

CHECK THE TIME! 4: 54 AND COUNTING! NOT SMART! NOT SMART AT ALL!

HE GETS RESULTS. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS. RESULTS!

HMPH... WHEN HAS ANYTHING HE'S EVER DONE MADE SENSE?

shmm

?

スッ

?!

COME ON! THE CLOCK IS RUNNING!

?

.....

OH...
OH,
MY...

HE'S
TAKING
IT OUT AT
THIS VERY
MOMENT!

!!

AN ISLAND FULL OF BUSHES AND YOU HUNT DOWN A LITTLE BOY'S ROOM.
AREN'T YOU JUST TOO CUTE FOR WORDS? YES, YOU ARE!

tinkle-tink-tinkle
OMIGOD OMIGOD OMIGOD OMIGOD...
GET IT UNDER CON-TROL... NO GIG-GLES... NO GIG-GLES...

tinkle-tinkle

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? ANYTHING OVER A MOUTHFUL IS WASTED.

IT'S SELFISH. DENYING ME A PEEK... IS IT *THAT* INADEQUATE, SWEETNESS?

SUCH A PROPER LITTLE MAN..

.....

SIGH...

HERE WE GO... D-8... D-8... AH!

NOW THEN... LET'S SEE EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE.

MUSIC TO MY EARS.

CHECKED HIS MAP BEFORE GOING IN, SO... "JUST SHORT" IT IS.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

D-8

5:00

KIRIYAMA DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT CONCERNED...

HMM... TOO CLOSE TO CALL. COULD BE IN D-8, COULD BE JUST SHORT...

tink-
inkle

I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO DOUBT THE SWEET THING. HAS HE EVER BEEN PROVEN WRONG?

FACE IT, SHO DARLING, YOU'RE BACKING A WINNER.

♡

Aii!

SNFF... SOON ENOUGH... SOON ENOUGH.

tink-
tinkle

AND EASY ON THE EYE. PUH-LEEZE!

♡

STEADY, SILLY BOY. DON'T GO GETTING YOURSELF ALL WORKED UP.

♡

BEAUTIFUL JUST LOOK AT THAT SUNSET

BREATH-TAKING... NO?

♡

TEASING HER

♡

BECKONING HER OUT... SEDUCING HER WITH COLOR...

♡

IT SINGS TO ME .. LIKE A SIREN'S SONG.

♡

SINGS TO THE WOMAN WITHIN.

♡

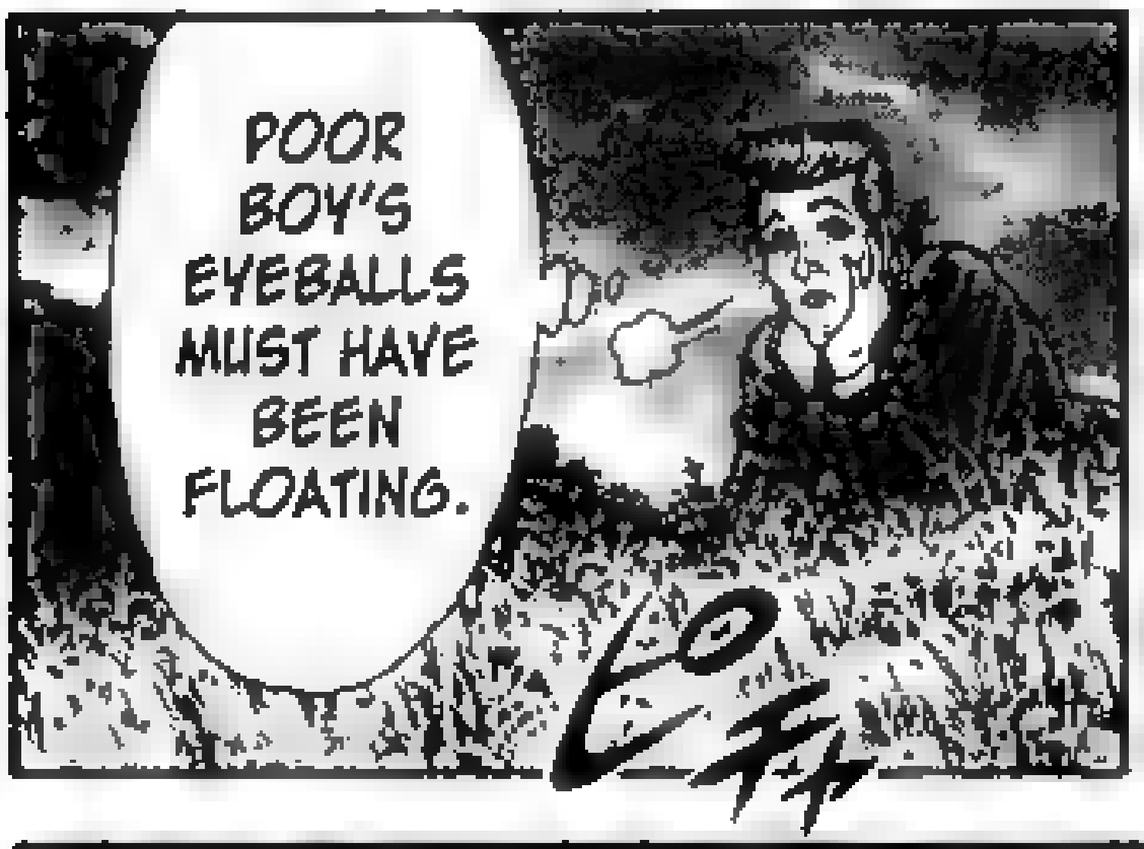
SHE WANTS THE CARESS OF A WARM SHOWER. YES, SHE DOES...

CLEAN AND PINK AND OH, SO READY...

SHE'S SUCH A SLUT...AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

YEESSS... A SHOWER AND A DRINK AND ALL THAT FOLLOWS.

GO FF
I SAID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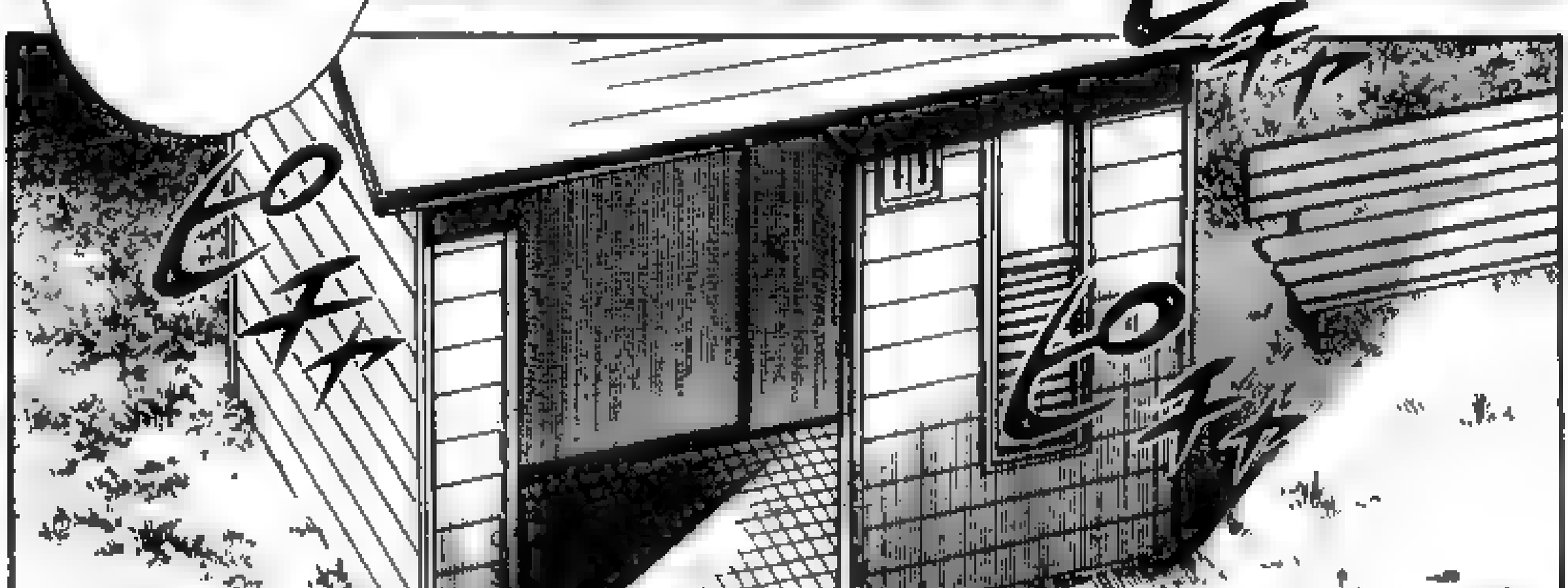
GO FF

GO FF
GO FF

GO FF
GO FF

KEEP IT UP AND YOU'LL COME OUT OF THERE THREE INCHES SHORTER WHERE IT COUNTS.
I'VE HEARD THE HUMAN BODY IS OVER 75 PERCENT WATER BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS !
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! CUT IT OFF ALREADY!
GO FF


GO FF
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SISH MUST BE SHOOT-ING FOR THE WORLD RECORD

OH

LO FF...

LO FF...

LO FF...

LO FF...

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WH-
HUH?

WHA?

HUH?

HOW?

B-B-BOSS? I... I...

YOU ... HOW ...

NO! NO, NO, NO! HOW?

BOSS?

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BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

number eight in a series

Mitsuko Souma

HEIGHT: 160 cm

WEIGHT: 50 kg

EXTRA CURRICULAR: N/A

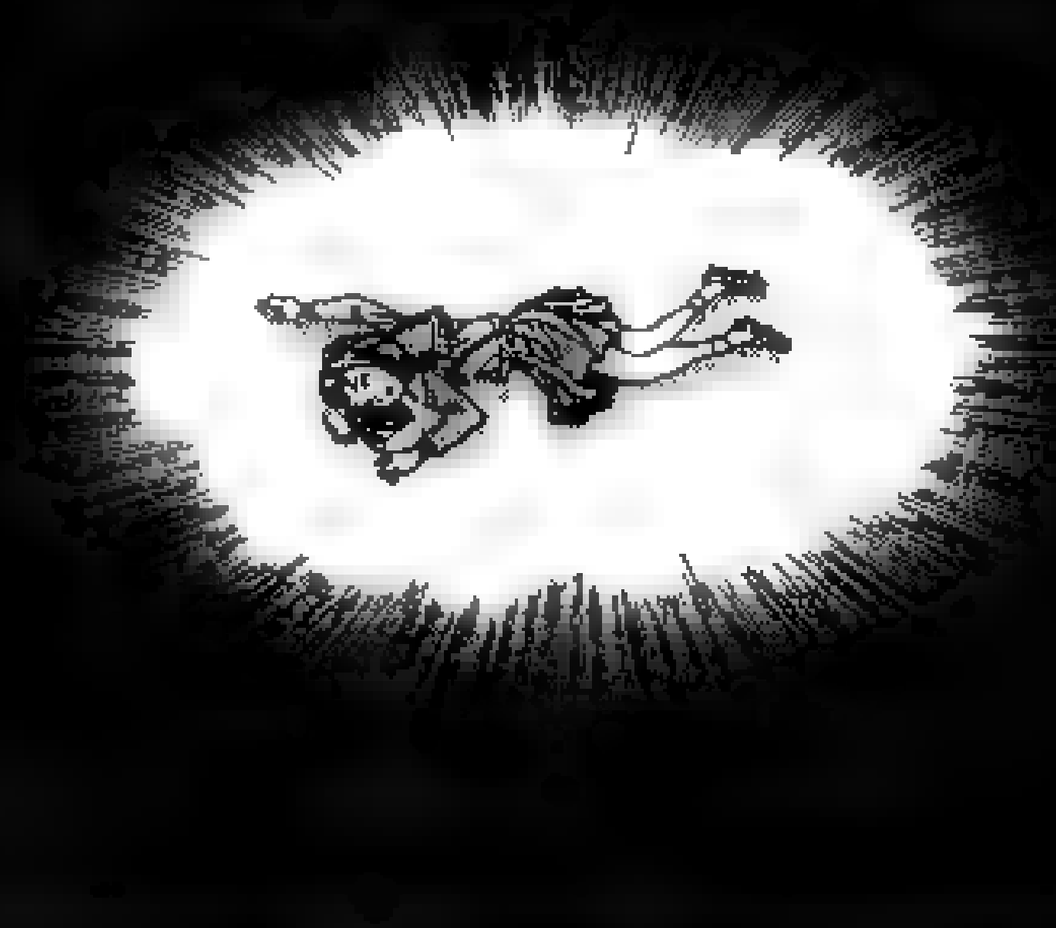
PRIMARY TALENTS: Eye candy

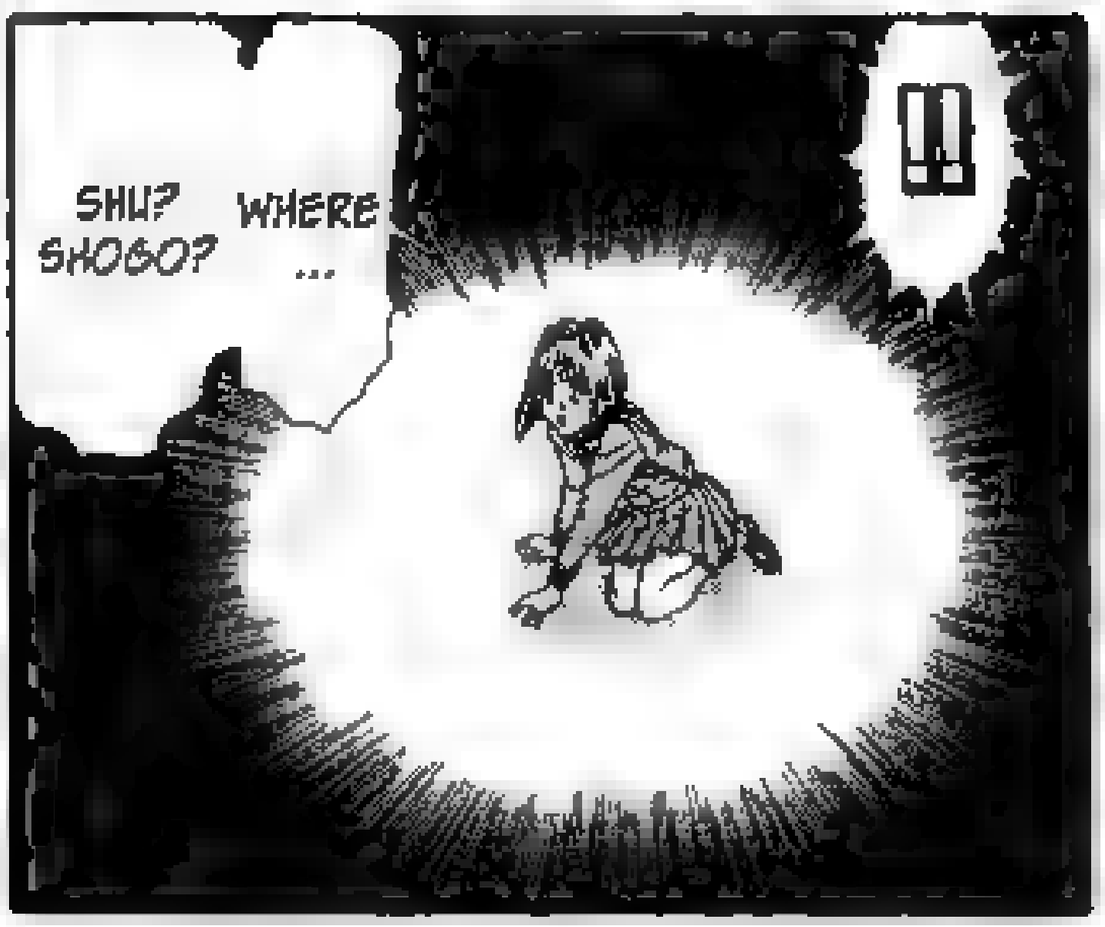
PRIMARY WEAKNESS: Emotional instability, megalomania

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Hand scythe

PERTINENT BACKGROUND: Deranged sensuality (ref: Black Widow Syndrome / sub ref: incest) in a drop dead gorgeous package. Undeniable charisma / girl gang chic. Subject is believed personally responsible for the utter ruination of multiple lives (ref: Lolita Syndrome / sub ref: First Secretary Amatsu Scandal). Parents deceased. Guardians N/A (suspected Yakuza connections / unproven).

CONCLUSION(s): A solid draw for the key 18-32 male demographic. A T&A merchandizing bonanza should she emerge victorious.

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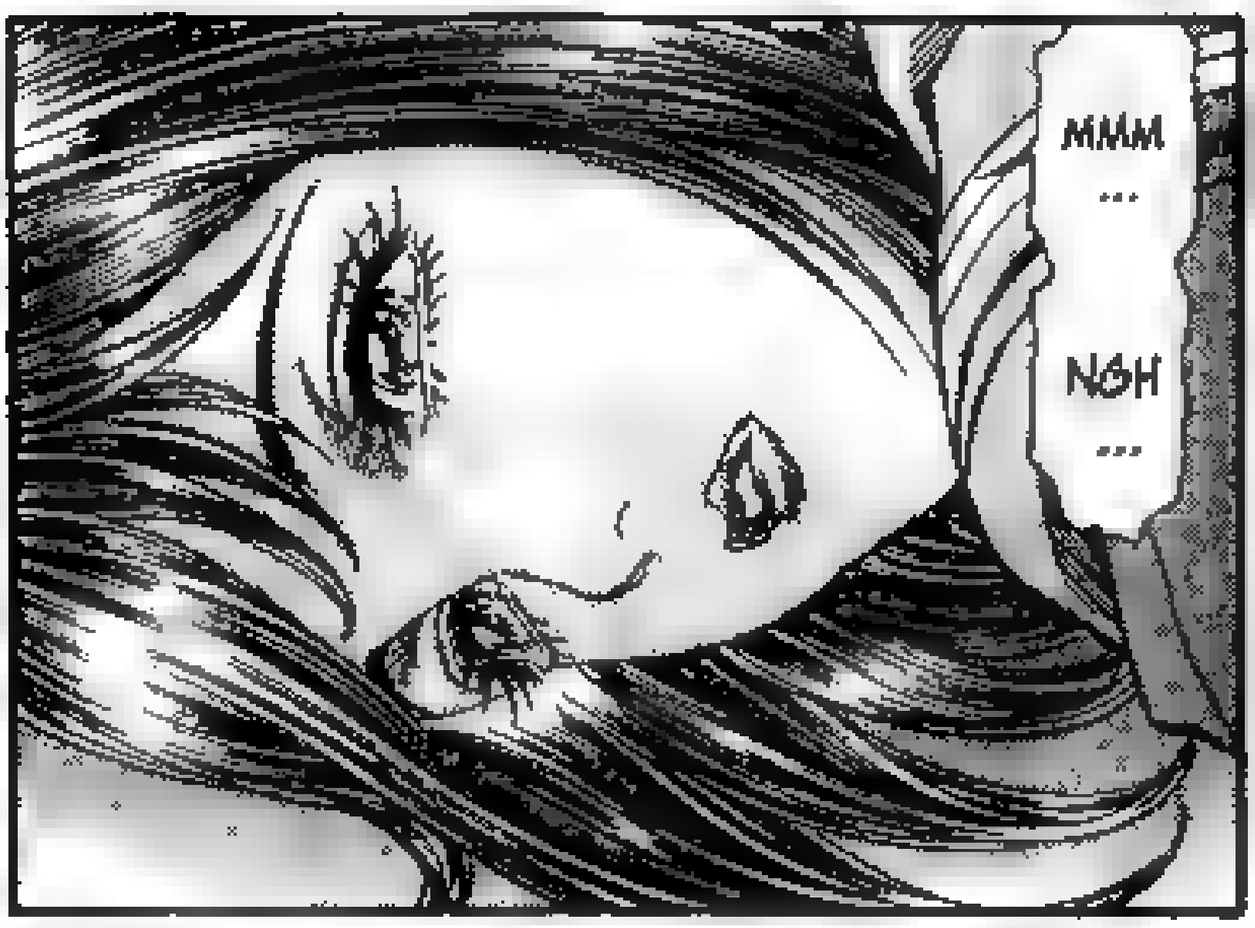
MMM ...
NGH ...

!!

HELLO?
I... FELL ASLEEP? SHU?
.....

SNP

UM... KAORI IT'S ME NORIKO

KAORI?

SNP

SNP

PI P

JUNYA KONDO

NO MORE, NO!!

NO MORE JUNYA FOR KAORI. OH NO...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT'S WRONG?

HELLO?

ANY-ONE?

CHAPTER 36: Thirst

PIZZA FACE, NORI...

WORST EVER... POKE THEM AND IT SPREADS... AND SPREADS. NO PIZZA FACE FOR JUNYA.

!!

NO PIZZA FACE FOR JUNYA. NO!

♡

I WAS THE BESTEST FAN... JUNYA SAID SO. BESTEST, BESTEST!

♡

IT'S ...

IT'S THE KITTY ...

THE BAD, POKING KITTY'S FAULT.

I SHOT IT.

NO!

NORI ?

I... I...

HNGH ...

!

I CAN'T MAKE IT BETTER! I CAN'T!

I CAN'T! I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T!

NORI ? YOU TOO?

IS THAT ANY WAY TO BE, LITTLE BITCH?

IS THAT THE WAY YOU TREAT YOUR FRIENDS?

...HA HA

NO... OH, PLEASE NO...

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED! DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU ANYTHING?

!!

LISTEN TO YOU...

AHHH.

NO! NOT PLAYING! I..

WERE WE GIVEN A CHOICE?

SAID AS IF YOU HAVE A CHOICE

EVERYONE PLAYS!

NOBODY GETS A CHOICE EXCEPT ME!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO MUCH BETTER THAN US?

NO! I WON'T PLAY! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME!

DON'T LET THEM GET TO YOU

!

SORE LOS-ERS, THE LOT OF THEM.

GOT SOME-THING TO SHOW YOU.

COME ON OVER HERE.

YOSHITOKI?

.....

LOOKING GOOD, NORI...

.....

SHOW ME?

AS LAST MEALS GO... NOT TOO SHABBY.

SHU'S A LUCKY GUY. OH, AND THOSE COOK-IES YOU BAKED?

ELVIS. OR "ALMOST ELVIS."

DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

WHAT'S WITH THE WATER-WORKS, NORI?

?

SHU?

DON'T TELL ME ALL YOU'VE BEEN DOING IS PAYING LIP SERVICE TO THE KIND

GOT TO HAVE FAITH

GOT TO HAVE FAITH. LITTLE GIRL, THERE'S NO ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT

I HAVE FAITH IN US!

!

Ahh..

...IN US...

EOF"..

YOU'RE UP. WELCOME BACK TO THE REAL WORLD.

ALRIGHT!

HAD US WORRIED FOR A BIT THERE.

FEVER BROKE. GOOD..

NORIKO? NOT THAT I'M COMPLAIN-ING, BUT...

WHOA!

UH

TAKE YOUR TIME. BUT, UM... WE'RE, AHH...

SURE

NOT EXACTLY ALONE?

?

I NEED THIS. OKAY? JUST... I NEED THIS.

JUST... JUST SHUT UP.

SO... WHEN DO THE CLOTHES COME OFF?

NO, NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD. DON'T MIND ME.

YOU TWO HAVE MET?

!!

STILL... IT WASN'T ME GET-TING HOT 'N HEAVY WITH THE DOOR OPEN.

TASTELESS AND UNCALLED FOR, RIGHT?

I KNOW. I KNOW.

IF YOU SAY SO.

STOP IT, OKAY? IT WASN'T WHAT YOU THINK!

IT WASN'T

UM.....

I WHIPPED UP SOME RICE GRUEL.

TRY NOT TO FOCUS ON THE "GRUEL" PART.

!

WE'VE ALREADY CHOKED OURS DOWN. BON APPETIT.

GOT TO KEEP YOUR STRENGTH UP, Y'KNOW.

I'M SURE IT'S... UM...

PALAT-ABLE?

GLASS IS HALF FULL, EH?

GO ON.

I MEAN.. ALL THINGS CONSID-ERED.

MMM... THIS IS PRETTY GOOD

♡

RIGHT... IT'S GOING ON SEVEN AND WE'RE COOL HERE TILL ELEVEN.

.....

TAKE THE TIME TO GET YOUR-SELF UP TO SPEED.

OH.

...GOES DANGER ZONE. THEY ANNOUNCED IT WHILE YOU WERE OUT.

THIS AREA.

WHAT HAPPENS AT ELEVEN?

!!

YEAH

IT'S ALWAYS SOME-THING

THAT...

RIGHT

!!

YOU SAID SHE WAS SHOOTING AT SOME-ONE?

SHE WAS SHOOT-ING, RIGHT?

IS KAORI... IS SHE DEAD?

EARLIER YOU SAID... I THINK YOU SAID...

IT WENT BEYOND BAD. KAORI WINGED HER AND SHE TOOK OFF. CAN'T BLAME HER.

...GOOD CRAZY... I CAN RELATE...

SHE WAS HAVING IT OUT WITH HIRONO.

I... I ALMOST HAD HIRONO. SHE WOULD HAVE JOINED US...

!!

IT COULD USE SOME SALT

.....

.....

COULD BE THERE'S A GOOD NUMBER THINKING THE SAME AS HIM. COULD BE.

COULD BE SHE HERE'S MORE RIGHT THAN WRONG WHEN IT COMES TO THE OTHER KIDS.

GOOD NEWS, THOUGH... THAT H.RONO GIRL BEING WILLING 'N ALL.

RUB IT IN.

I'M NOT LOOKING TO BE TAKEN DOWN BY "KAORI II, THE SEQUEL."

WE'LL DEFER TO NORIKO ON THAT. JUST BE DAMNED SURE, GIRL.

AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE LADIES.

GOT ME THINKING MAYBE WE SHOULD HUNT DOWN THIS MIMURA... THAT SUGI-WHATEVER GUY...

YOU'LL SEE. YOU'LL SEE HOW MANY WILL JOIN US.

ABOUT TIME YOU CAME AROUND.

ABOUT TIME.

OKAY ...

WITH A LOT MORE HURT TO COME.

SHE'S HURTING.

!?

YOU SAID THE KAORI GIRL SHOT HER, WOUNDED HER.

PRIORITIES, SHU.

SHE'S ALREADY SHOWN SHE'D BE WILLING TO--

SURE'

I THINK MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND THIS H.RONO FIRST.

JUST MIGHT. JUST MIGHT AT THAT.

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THAT WOUND'S GOT TO BE SEEN TO. WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT NORI PICKING UP AN INFECTION...

...SAME GOES FOR THIS HIRONO. AND SHE'S OUT THERE ALONE...

HUH
..

!

!!!

...

FUCKING BITCH!

BITCH
...

GOD-DAMN!

DAMN

AGH!

GODDAMN FUCKING PIECE OF SHIT BITCH!

ボス!!

NO... FIND SHUUYA FIRST... SOUNDED LIKE...LIKE HE HAD AN INSIDE TRACK...

BURNS... CHRIST IT BURNS! HUNT HER DOWN... HUNT HER DOWN AND BLOW HER FUCKIN' BRAINS OUT!

SHOT ME... CRAZY ASS BITCH SHOT ME!

AH... AH... AH...

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THERE ARE OTHERS. NORIKO... KAWADA... YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS.

SHU ...

YEAH ...

SHUUYA FIRST...

... NOT ALONE IN THIS...

THERE ARE OTHERS...

FUCK, I'M NOT!

FUCK..

TALKIN' ESCAPE LIKE HE KNEW WHERE TO FIND SOME SECRET DOOR OUT...

WHO'M I KIDDING? SHUUYA... WHAT DOES HE KNOW?

TOSSED HIS GUN...

...THAT MAKE HIM BRAVE OR STUPID? MITSU'D KNOW.

TALKIN' TRASH...

STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE TOSSED HIS GUN...

KOOO

NAILED BY THE PSYCHO BITCH! GODDAMMIT! HOW'S THAT FAIR?!

TOSSED HIS GUN! SHOULD'A BEEN HIM GOT SHOT! STUPID BITCH!

FUCKING SHUUYA MAKES ME DROP MY GUARD AND BANG!

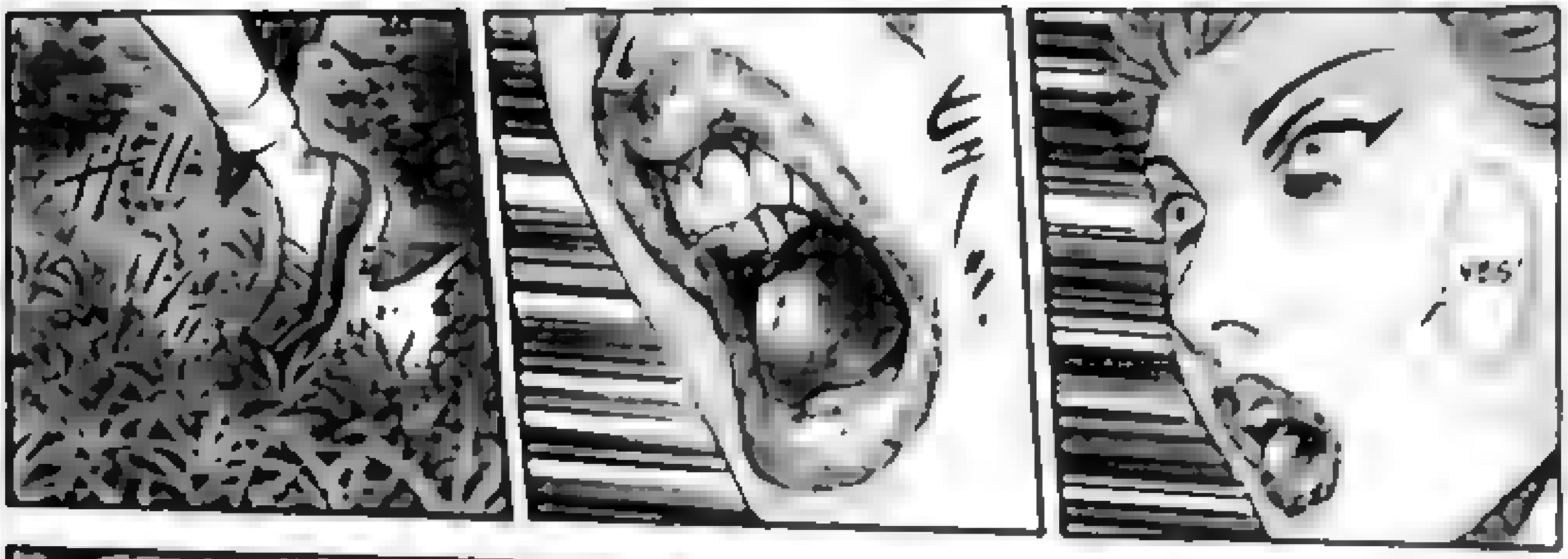
NO MORE! NO FUCKING MORE!

FROM NOW ON, IT'S SHOOT FIRST, SCREW THE QUESTIONS!

HUH... HOT... BURNING UP...

.....

UHH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YES!
!
YES! NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD!
!!!

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COME ON!

GOTCHA GOOD.

GOTCHA

I GOTCHA ...

!!

K-K-
ACK!

MAYBE WE SHOULD ...

Y' KNOW... LOOK FOR HIRONO NOW?

.....

SOON.

!

DON'T FRET, WE'LL FIND HER.

GUESS SHE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GIRL AFTER ALL.

HIRONO ... HUH...

GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

ME TOO

I HOPE SHE'S NOT HURT. AND TOO BAD

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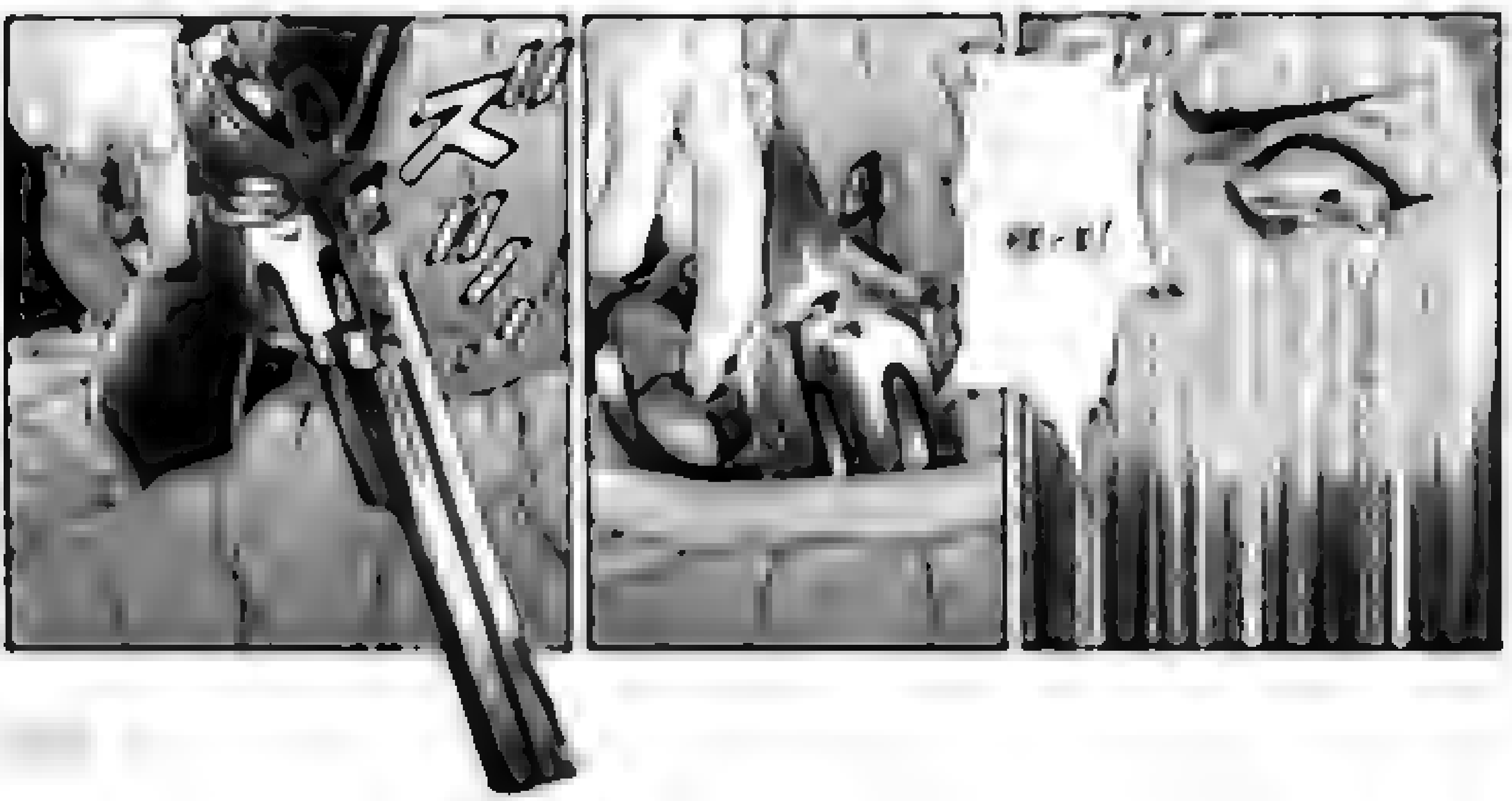
LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST...

GLK KK!



HH!!

KAK-
AFF!

AH-
HUH-
AH!

AH-
HUH-
AH!

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CHAPTER 37: Existence

H-H

FROG BOY... FUCKING FROG BOY.

TOSH.? TOSHI- NOO!?!

WH ...

HAD TO COME AT ME FROM BEHIND! BUSHWACKED BY FRRRR- OGGY!

I ALMOST GOT MY TICKET PUNCHED BY TOSHI THE GODDAMN FUCKING FROG BOY!

HOW'S THAT FOR PATHETIC ?!

GOT HIM GOOD! HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW, SHUUYA?! HOW DO YOU...

BUT I GOT HIM!

HERE'S YOUR TRUST, SHUUYA! COULDN'T EVEN FACE DOWN A GIRL FAIR 'N SQUARE!

HOW ...

!!

GOTCHA

DRINK TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT, HIRO, YOU BALL-BUSTING QUIFF. ♡

SURPRISED? GUESS YOU FIGURED ON "FROG BOY" BEING AN EASY KILL? FIGURED WRONG, QUIFF, FIGURED DEAD WRONG. ♡

KYE!!!

NINTH GRADE/CLASS B - BOY #4:

TOSHINORI ODA

TALKIN' 'BOUT THIS HERE LONG-BARRELED BEAUTY.

NOT YOU, HIROQUIFF ♡

HEH

SWEET PIECE

I MEAN, BULLET-PROOF VEST? COME ON!

ALWAYS HEARD OF 'EM, NEVER QUITE BELIEVED THE HYPE, Y'KNOW?

GUESS I HAD TO SEE TO BELIEVE. PRETTY SPIFFY, Y'ASK ME. ♡

PACKS A PUNCH... I OUGHTA KNOW.

sk-k

MMM... THAT'S GONNA LEAVE A NASTY BRUISE, BETCHER LIFE. ♡

WHERE DO I BEGIN? HEE

AND USE-FUL?

TOSHI.. SHOT THE LITTLE FUCK... NO FAIR! SHOT HIM!

NO OH! AHH AHH

TOO DEEP! CAN'T

NOT LIKE THIS.. CAN'T... PLEASE, GOD, NOT LIKE THIS!

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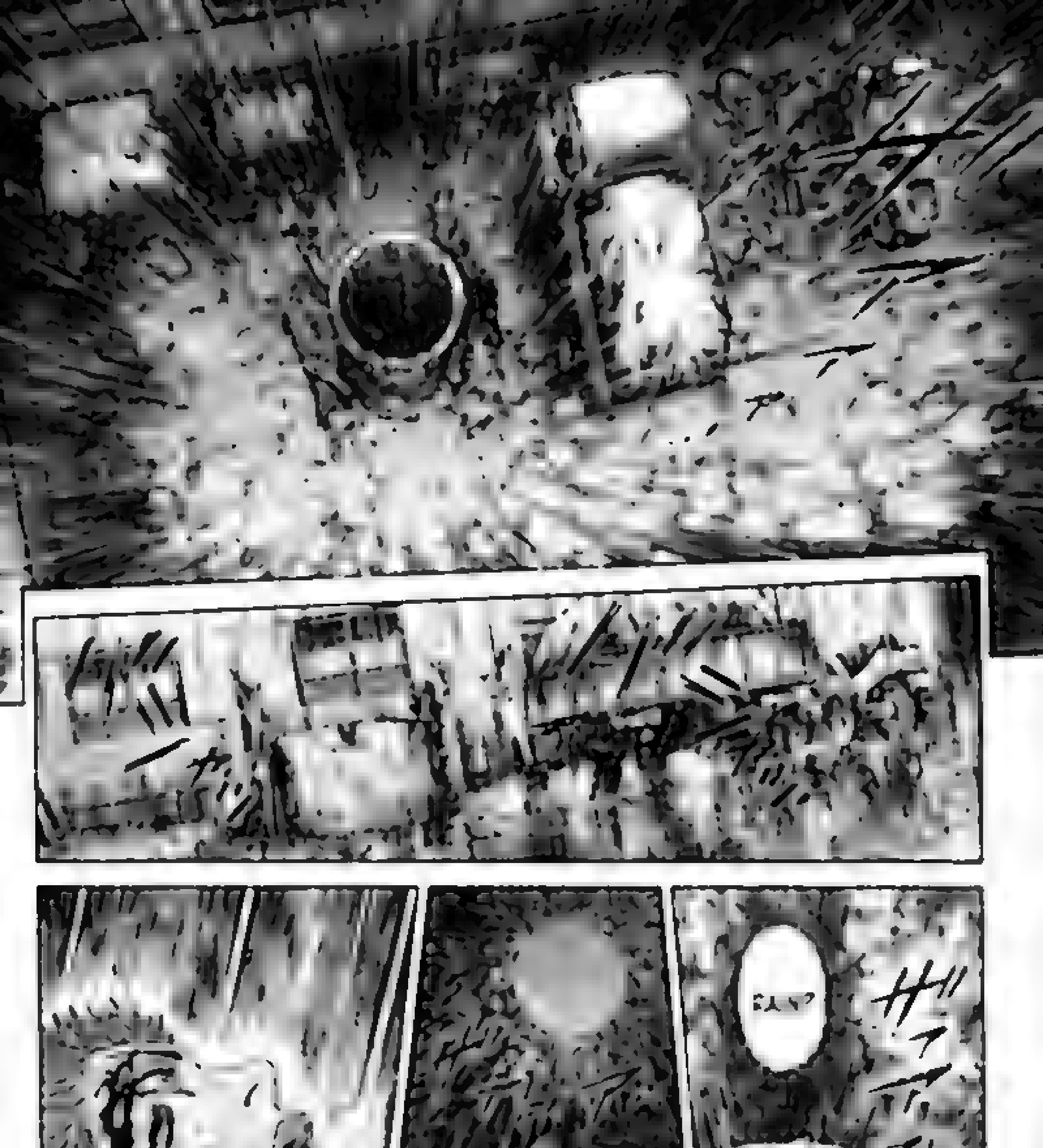

FLYING, THAT RAIN... FEELING THAT NEW!
HEY! HEY!

DAVID
OF THE
GAIN

DUMBASS FROGGY... DIDN'T THINK TO TAKE IT.

HEH... A-HEH...

!

OKAY... THINGS'RE FINALLY GOING MY WAY.

AND WHY NOT? A-HEH... WHY THE HELL NOT?

TP...

BURN'S GONE...

TOO MUCH WATER... A-HEH...

NO! MY WAY NOW!

!!

HIRONO!

HUH?

AND YOU KAMACA, RIGHT?

NOEKO SHJ

MAN, ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU.

THOUGHT WE'D LOST YOU FOR SURE

WE FOUND A WAY, NEO. A WAY OUT.

GONNA HAVE TO MOVE FAST IF WE WANT OUT OF THIS

I SHOT HIM! TRICKED ME! HE TRICKED ME! NO MORE TRICKS!

NO MORE TRICKS!

NO!

...NOW YOU DON'T.

WATCH CLOSE. NOW YOU SEE IT...

JUST ONE MORE TRICK, OKAY?

kkk

SO... YOU WITH US?

GUESS HE'S GOOD FOR SOMETHING AFTER ALL, EH?

TRICK'S ON THEM, HIRO. WE FOUND A BYPASS CIRCUIT. WELL... KAWADA DID...

HOW?

THINGS REALLY ARE GOING MY WAY...

FFo..

IT'S OVER...

REALLY OVER... REALLY OVER...

SHUNYA

IT'S REALLY OVER.

FOR ME...

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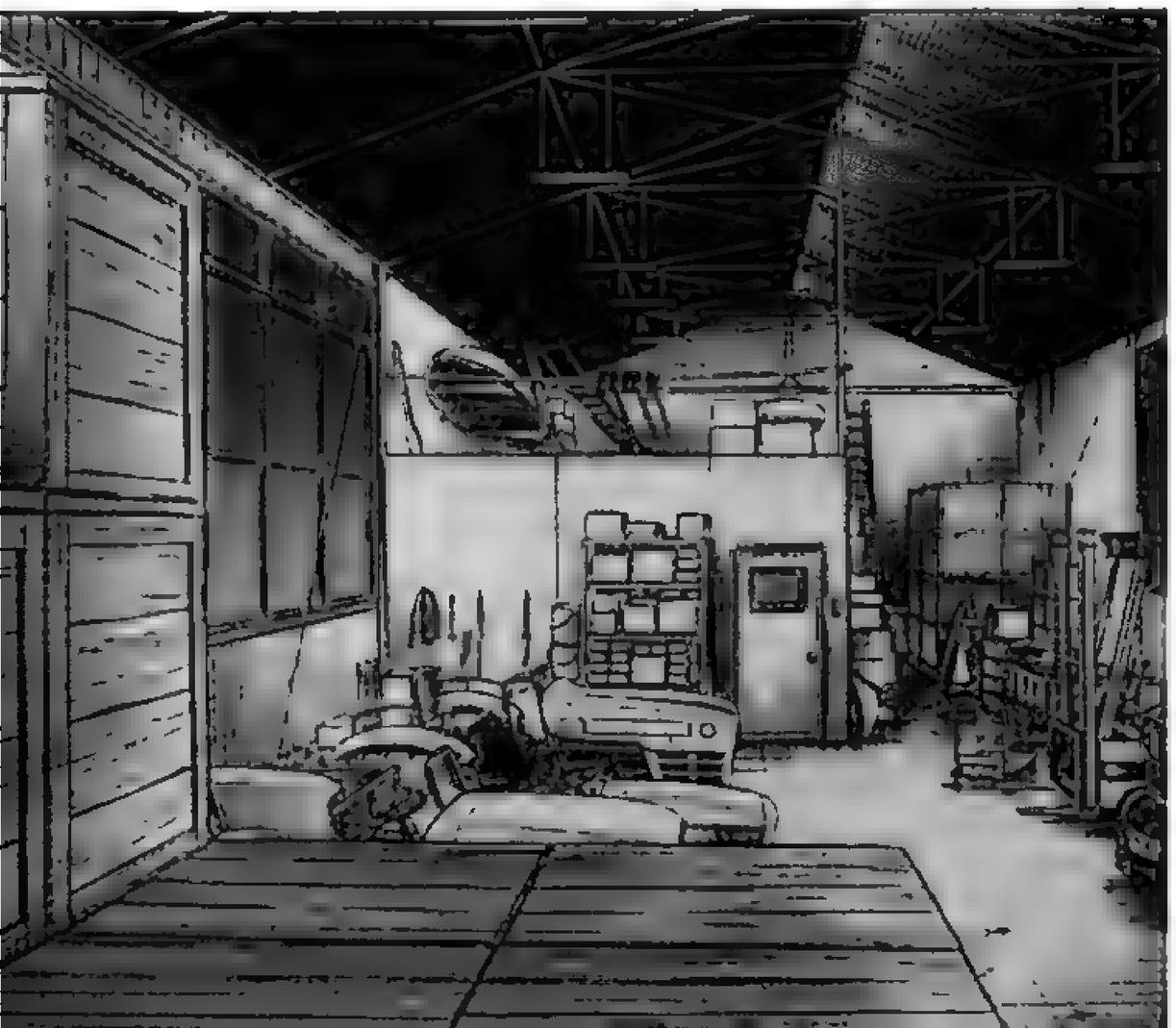
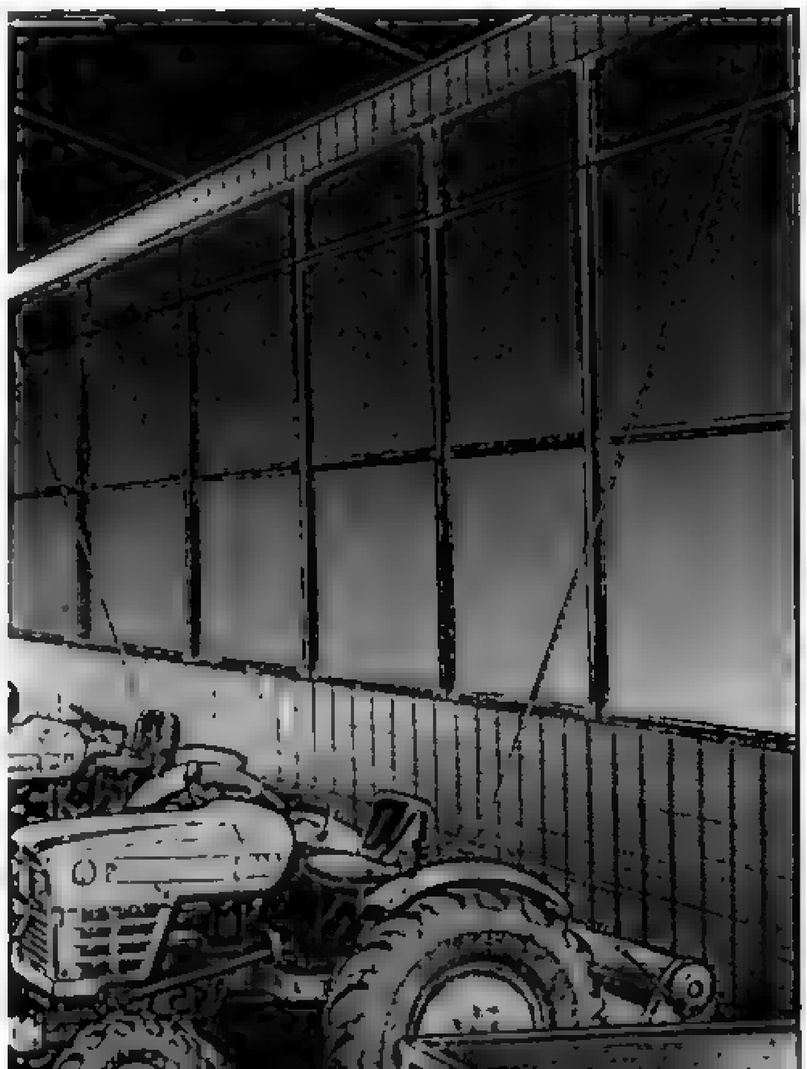
HE CAME BACK FOR ME.

SHUNYA ...

OVER
OVER...
OVER
OVER
OVER...

CHAPTER 38: Set Up





CO-OP
Keep out

crop nutrient
ammonium base
5kg

Crop nutrient
5kg

REQUIRED.
* ammonium base fertilizer
* gasoline
* pulley
* kite cord
* trash bags
* voice converter
* rope (300 meters) duct tape

GOT PLENTY TO SPARE.

crop nutrient
ammonium base
5kg

OKAY, FERTILIZER WAS A NO BRAINER...

crop nutrient
ammonium base
5kg

...DAMN NEAR SWAL-LOWED A GOOD DOLLOP.

GASOLINE SIPHONED FROM A TRACTOR, OF ALL THINGS...

...SOMEONE'D ALREADY TORN IT LOOSE. ANY BREAK'S A GOOD BREAK.

A WELL EAST OF HERE GAVE UP THE PULLEY...

* trash bags
* voice converter
* rope (300 meters)|

FUCKIN' ROPE...

...EASIER TO FIND THAN I THOUGHT.

HAULING IT FROM THE WAREHOUSE... THAT WAS THE B.TCH!

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קח
DUP

REST.
OKAY
LOL!

!?

I DIDN' MEAN TO.

SORRY! I I DIDN'

AH!

?.....

AWFUL LATE T' BE 'SPECTIN' SOMEONE.

'SPECTING SOME-ONE?.....

NO ONE THE WISER. WHEW!

OKAY.

FALLIN' ALL OVER 'CAUSE IT'S TOO DARK IN HERE

TOO DARK THAT'S IT

CAN'T, VITAKA! ALWAYS SCREW.N' SOMETH N' UP...

NO... TOO MUCH NOISE. THA'S WHAT HE...

!!

PUT SOME LIGHT ON A SUBJEC'... LESS SLEEPY WI' SOME LIGHT..

!?

click

!

!!

BOM
BOM

AHH... MIM?

!!
Why not just post a "here we are, come kill us" sign outside?
Noise, light, it's all the same— An open invitation.
FOOD

Ghk...

ssht

LIKE HE'S SUP-POSED TO KNOW

SHIT ...

A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING IDIOT!

IDIOT! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

I'm so...!

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH NO SLEEP IN THIS PRES-SURE COOKER ENVIRONMENT'S ENOUGH TO POUND DOWN ANYONE. HE'S HOLDING UP...

.....

snf

snf

WELL FUCK HIM! COMMON SENSE IS COMMON SENSE AND...AND... GODDAMMIT!

COMMON SENSE DICTATES THAT A KID HALF YOUR SIZE ISN'T GONNA KEEP UP WITH YOU FOREVER. HE'S TRYING HIS BEST...

DAMN NEAR LOSE IT AND POP THE POOR KID, THAT'S HOW.

HOLDING UP A DAMN SIGHT BETTER THAN YOU'VE GOT ANY RIGHT TO EXPECT.

AND HOW DO YOU THANK HIM FOR THE EFFORT?

!?

...SAFETY TIP... THINK BEFORE ACTING... HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE SLEEP-DEPRIVED.

AND DIDN'T I WANT TO...

What say we both try to be a little more careful from now on?

My bad. I'm pissed at them, took it out on you. Sorry

♡

!!

What say we name the bomb "Fumiyo's Revenge"?

We're still good to go.

Fumiyo's Revenge it is! Let's get it done!

FUMIYO...

Mountain sleeve ought to do for an overview

First we take a little look see.

Atta boy!

PM 11:00

!!

Easier said than done

How do we get a rope across this much space?

.....

Oh, ye of little faith.

Any ideas?

Last time I checked, neither of us had wings.

Then use the kite string to pull the rope over. Viola! Instant bomb-run.

Read and learn. First we send the kite string over..

LET'S GET A GOOD LOOK AT GROUND ZERO!

?

Gonna have to take the round-about way.

300 meters is a good b't past my "chuck-ing" range Superman I'm not.

What? He t.i.t to a rock and chuck it over?

Once all the way around, we pull it taut. No muss, no fuss.

We tie one end to a tree up here and escort the rest around the upper perimeter.

What about the trees?

Sorry, Mim, but that's flat-out impos-sible

Harbor-ing doubts?

I DUNNO.

and snag and snag There's no way we'll get a smooth play-out

This area's pretty heavily wooded Odds are the string snag

Snag free, m' man. ♡

If we had loon the string

Yup.

?

I beg to differ.

Ahh Hm...

Actually, we balloon the line ♡

Balloon the string?

?

No kiddie party's complete without one.

Recognize this little baby?

Voice converter spray. Non-toxic, 'natch

What's a party gag got to do with balooning anything?

Inhale it and your voice gets all funny sounding

I know what it is

Knowing they were there sparked this whole plan.

Remembered seeing these when I was hunting down the laptop

Know why

HELIUM!

Here's the plan

Someone's been letting his science slip.

♡

Walk it over snag free, a balloon relay line.

We use our makeshift balloons to keep the string clear.

Where do you come up with this sh+?

That's incredible!

Just no pleasing you, is there?

Now what?!

Uhh?

.....

I got my ways ♡

Like pop a balloon bag or something

It's me. What if I screw up again?

That's not it.

We're a match made in Heaven, best you believe!

ポ…

Snap out of it, little man!

HUH …

and you agree with me. You're there for me. Good enough.

We fit like gloves I think I'm a genius

.....

Sleep deprived and way too edgy.

Sorry about earlier. I'm feeling it too...

...BEFORE ONE OF US DROPS IN HIS TRACKS

THAT'S WHY WE'D BEST GET THIS DONE FAST..

YUTAKA, LET THE DAMN BALLOON GO!

fuck

fuck

CHAPTER 39: Anxiety

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YUTAKA! HEY!!

Ma...

Ma...

!!

OH RIGHT! LET GO

WHO? WHAT

!!

WIND!

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...IT CAME UP TOO FAST!

THE WIND ...

CAWK!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP IT?

? ?

TAKE THIS WHILE I SEE TO IT

IT'S NEVER AS EASY GOING AS SAYING

I climb, you keep watch Unless you'd rather climb?

HE

OH

YOU'VE SEEN ME IN GYM. ENJOY THE VIEW.

UP THERE? ME?!

CLIMB? ME?

DO NOT FALL ASLEEP ON ME!

STAY FROSTY, YUKATA. STAY FROSTY.

MN-MBL...

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BUSHES... SOMEONE'S FOUND US!

UNLESS... YUTAKA! DAMMIT! HE'LL GET US BOTH KILLED!

HOW CAN HE NOT HEAR THIS?

YUTAKA!

SHIT!!

ZZZ

11
AH!
!!

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OKAY .. NOT GOOD ...

SCREWED UP AGAIN

12 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 10

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click

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We're both running on fumes. Not good.

A NAP?

YOU SURE?

Take an hour to catch some shut-eye. I'll stand watch.

Mg

!!

We're cool here till it flips restricted at 1 a.m. That's more than enough time to recharge.

Too easy to get careless. We only get one shot at this. Got to make it count.

IF YOU SAY SO...

WAKE UP SWEETIE, WE'RE GOTTA DO THIS FAST

IF IT'S CABLE AT ALL

GETTING IT CLOSE, MAN
LOOK AT THAT MUSCLE DEFINITION, MAN
SCOTTIE PUMP IT ALL THE WAY UP MAN
SHIT

HE WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT.

ONLY USE IT WHEN THINGS GET UGLY.

Vital Host

DID YOU SEE THIS COM-ING?

IS THAT IT? YOU SAW THIS COMING?

SOMETHING I SHOULD KNOW?

WHAT?

I THOUGHT ALL YOU TOUGH GUYS TOOK YOUR COFFEE STRONG AND BLACK.

NAH. IT'S JUST... Y' KNOW...

HUH?

CAFFEINE KEEPS YOU SHARP, SUGAR KEEPS YOU GOING.

I FIND A CAFFEINE, SUGAR, NICOTINE COMBO DOES IT FOR ME.

WE HOLD IT TOGETHER, THAT GIVES US AN EDGE. ANY PORT IN A STORM, RIGHT?

YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE. YOU LOSE, YOU DIE. A LOT OF KIDS OUT THERE ARE RUNNING ON EMPTY JUST ABOUT NOW.

THERE'S NOTHING A SHOT OF BOURBON WON'T PUT RIGHT...

STRIKE THAT LAST.

NO SHOT OF BOUR-BON?

NO CRYSTAL METH?

WHAT... NO POT?

WHAT YOU GOT?

WHAT'S *YOUR* CRUTCH, SHU? WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING?

RIGHT... LIKE *YOU'D* KNOW FROM BOURBON.

!

FOLLOW NORI'S LEAD. TEA'S A GOOD CAFFEINE SOURCE TOO.

.....

WE SHOULD GET HER UP. 'BOUT THAT TIME.

ANY MORE COFFEE?

.....

EITHER WAY IT SUCKS... BIG TIME SUCKS.

YEAH. KICKER IS YOU'RE NEVER SURE IF YOU'RE HUNTER...OR PREY.

...BACK TO THE HUNT?

HUH ...

WE GOT US A ROUGH PATCH DUE... BELIEVE IT.

SO FAR WE'VE GOT-TEN OFF PRETTY EASY, AS HARD AS THAT IS TO BELIEVE.

JUST BE SURE TO SHOVEL A GOOD KNOCK OF SUGAR IN.

SURE ...

I NEED YOU
INSIDE ASHLEE.
BEST WAY TO
DEAL WITH
TROUBLE IS TO
SEE IT COMING
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE.

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"Royale hits all the manga bases (martial arts, creepy old men, panty shots) without being Sailor Moon silly... A-"
—Marc Bernardin, *Entertainment Weekly*

The sun is setting on the first day of The Program, and the students of Class B are in for one hell of a night.

With the failure of their initial plan to take down The Program, Shinji Mimura and Yutaka Sato are putting their backup plan in motion. Having located all the supplies necessary to create a bomb, the pair are all set to deliver their package right where it will do the most damage: the "school" which serves as The Program control center. But with the school in a permanent danger zone, will it be their bomb that detonates first... or the explosive collars locked around their necks?

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SIDE STORY: Man of Justice
FERNANDES

Draw dad for Father's Day.

AH?

SHUUYA ?

!!

WE SURE ARE! ♡
YOU DO KNOW WE'RE DRAWING OUR FATHERS?
THAT... AHH...
SEE THE WAY MY DAD SHOOTS MISSLES FROM HIS CHEST?
THAT'S WHY I DREW HIM BEATING A MONSTER! YEAH!
SURE! MY MOM SAYS MY DAD'S REALLY, REALLY STRONG!
PAPA
.....

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YEAH... BET HE DIED TO GET AWAY FROM YOU. BET HE DID.

CHEE... WHAT A DORK.

EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR DAD'S D-E-A-D--DEAD!

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH OF THAT!

HUH!

BET IT'S, LIKE, AIDS SHE GOT.

SHE'S DYING TO GET AWAY FROM HIM TOO.

JUST LIKE HIS MOM.

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HI-YA!

SHUUYA?

SHUUYA! DEAR GOO!

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YES... MOST, AHH...MOST UNFOR-TUNATE.

THERE WERE... MITIGATING, AHH... MITIGATING CIRCUM-STANCES, SO TO SPEAK ...

... NOT COMPLETELY HIS FAULT...

PAPP

IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPI-TAL AND ME STUCK WITH HER UNRULY WHELP!

TAINTED HER. TAINTED HER AND LOOK AT HER NOW.

B-BEG PARDON?

BAD BLOOD, AND NOT FROM MY SISTER, LET ME TELL YOU.

BAD BLOOD'S WHAT IT IS.

BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE LIKES OF HIM RUNNING WILD.

HOPE THE LITTLE MONGREL GETS SICK AS WELL.

SO KIND OF YOU... TAKING IN--

AH... YES..

HMM ...

AH...

... SOONER WE CAN BE RID OF HER HALF-BREED.

THANK GOD IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY. SOONER SHE DIES...

SHU ...

SHUUYA ?

U... 3... 2... 1... 0!

WH-HUH?!

CH-CHING! POWER WINGS DEPLOYED!

PAPP

ESCAPE VELOCITY!

WAIT! COME BACK!

SHUUYA!

LET HIM BE GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH, I ALWAYS SAY

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COME BACK! SHUUYA!

SIGH. . I WISH THOSE SOCIAL SERVICES PEOPLE WOULD CALL BACK...

WHOOOSH

MAYBE HE WON'T COME BACK

!!

AAH...

SO IT IS!

SURPRISE! IT'S ME!

PAPA!

MY LITTLE MAN'S COME TO VISIT

♡

ABOUT DAD... ABOUT YOU... NO ONE SAYS BAD THINGS ABOUT MY FAMILY!

SOMETIMES YOU GOT TO, MOM. SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY BAD THINGS...

OH... OH MY...

OH, SHUUYA... HAVE YOU BEEN FIGHTING AGAIN?

OH... YOUR FACE! SHU...

LITTLE BOYS... SO MUCH ENERGY.

MUST HE ALWAYS CLIMB THROUGH THE WINDOW?

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AGAIN ?!

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LORD ONLY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF GERMS HE'S BRINGING IN WITH HIM.

I KNOW... IT'S JUST... HE'S SO... GRUBBY.

HEARD THAT BEFORE ...

HE WILL BE I PROM-ISE

YOUNG MAN, YOU MUST BE MORE CARE-FUL WHEN VISITING THE SICK!

MAYBE I SHOULD GO A FEW ROUNDS WITH HER.

WOW! IS SHE EVER UPTIGHT!

.....

SUCH A LOOK!

HUH?

IF YOU CAN FIND JUSTICE IN THE ACT.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD .....

YOUR FATHER WAS A B O MAN.

YOUR FATHER USED TO SAY THAT WHEN IN DOUBT...

FIND THE JUSTICE WITHIN THE ACT IF YOU FIND IT THERE, ACT ACCORDINGLY

.....

.. IF HE COULD FIND JUSTICE IN BEING SO DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN?

IMPOSING. HE COULD BE QUITE PHYSICAL IF THE NEED AROSE...

TO SET RIGHT A WRONG, TO DEFEND SOMEONE WEAKER. NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

.....

CHOOSE TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT OUTCOME, SHUUYA. CHOOSE TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE.

THE PICTURE OF ME 'N DAD?

♡

MOM? CAN I SEE IT AGAIN?

DON'T FRET SO. YOU'LL COME TO UNDER-STAND.

.....

IT'S ALL WE'VE GOT.

.....

CARE-FUL.

I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING

... CONFISCATED THE REST. YOUR FATHER WAS NEVER ONE FOR TOEING THE PARTY LINE.

I WAS LUCKY TO HIDE THIS ONE AWAY. THE REST WERE... THE GOVERNMENT, THEY...

ALWAYS DIGGING IN THE SAND, SCULPTING CASTLES AND CARS AND...AND LOVING IT.

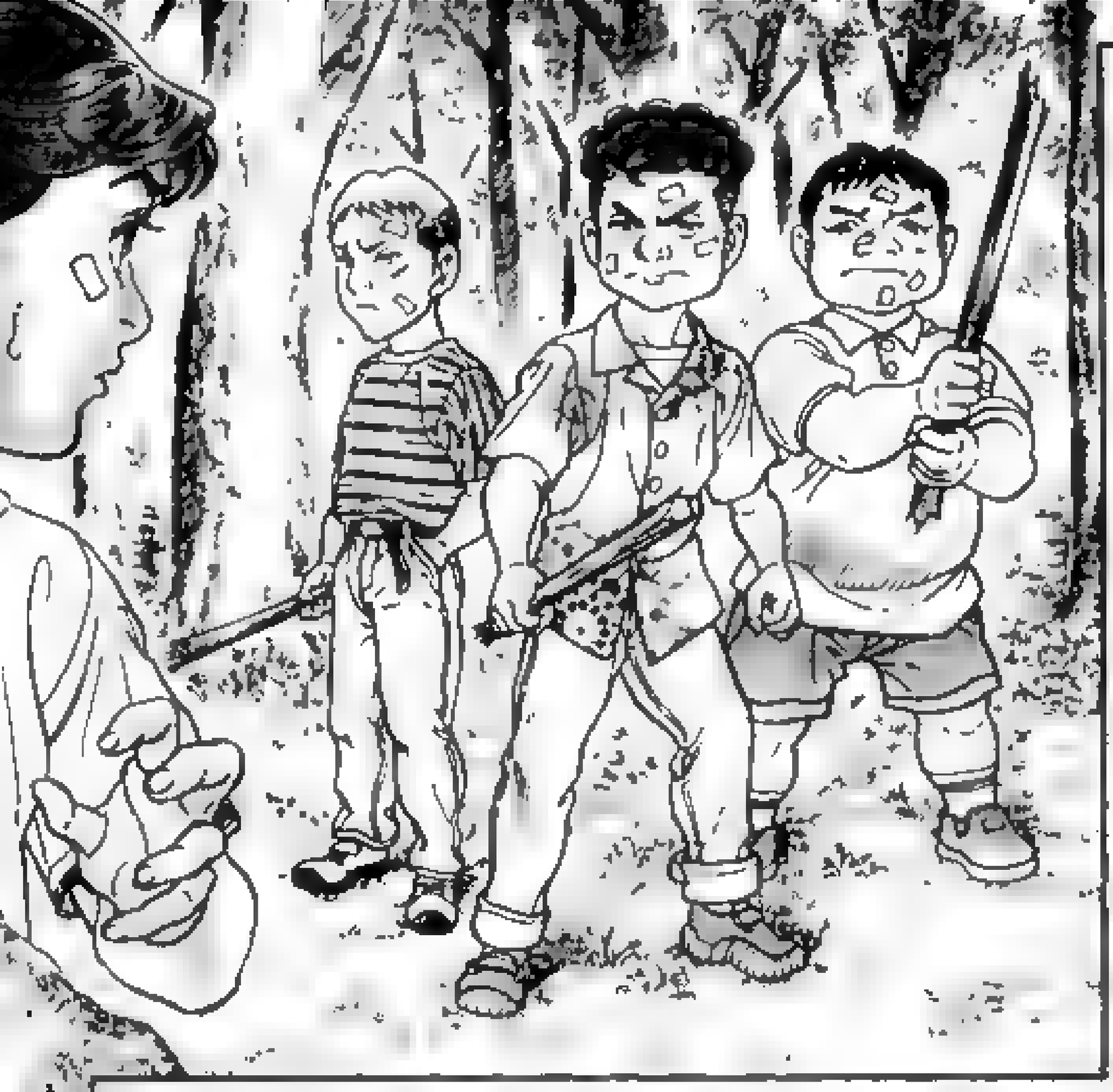
BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS TIME FOR THE BEACH. THE TWO OF YOU...

ME 'N DAD AT THE BEACH ...

YEAH...

...ME 'N DAD.

ALL'A TIME MAKING THINGS IN THE SAND...



HEY! AIDS BABY!
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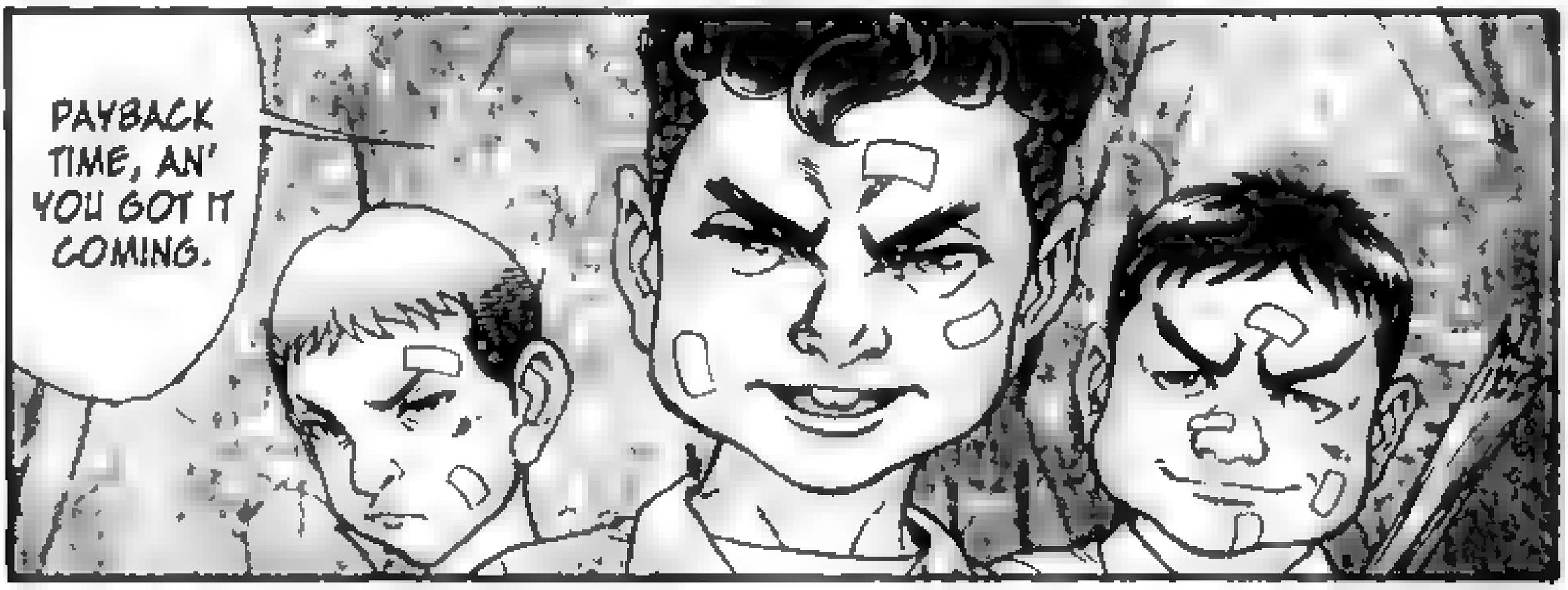
PAYBACK TIME, AN' YOU GOT IT COMING.

HUH ...

I ONLY FIGHT FOR JUSTICE FROM NOW ON.
DO YOUR WORST.

POUND HIS ASS!

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SHUUYA?

?

WHAT YOUR FACE I

I'M GONNA LOVE SEE' YOU AGAIN' ♡

SHUUYA, DO YOU KNOW HOW LATE IT IS?

THE BEST ONE EVER!

IT'S THE BEST!

SHUUYA, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

WHERE ARE WE

OH, OH MY.

.....

THERE! YOU SEE? THERE! ♡

!

PAPA

YOU SEE?
YOU SEE?
IT'S YOU 'N
DAD 'N ME!
JUST
LIKE WE
USED TO
DO! ME
'N DAD!
YOU
SHIT
YOU
HERE
IT'S
JUST US
TOGETHER
AGAIN!

I ONLY FIGHT FOR JUSTICE! LIKE DAD!

BUT I DIDN'T FIGHT BACK THIS TIME!

AN'...AN' THOSE KIDS I HAD A FIGHT WITH? THEY CAME LOOKING FOR MORE.

PRETTY COOL, HUH?

YEAH!

SHUUYA... IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

YOU...DID THIS ALL BY YOURSELF?

LIKE DAD ...

.....

DOUBLE AS!

DOUBLE AS FOR DAD TOO?

DO I GET A HUG?

DAD HAD TO... GO. BUT YOU'LL STAY... WON'T YOU?

STAY ?

MOM ?

YOU'LL STAY - RIGHT ?

IT'S THE TWO OF US AGAINST THE WORLD... AND I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. NOT WITH-OUT YOU.

YEAH ... ♡

...YOU AND ME...

...WE CAN MAKE IT... TOGETHER.

AND SO YEARS TEARS SO TEARS

THE BOY?

HAS'D A FIGHT WITH THAT ONE

SAY SHE WENT PEACE-FULLY

... THAT COUNTS FOR SOME-THING, DON'T YOU THINK?

WISH THEY'D GET ON WITH IT.

.....

... SOCIAL SERVICES, THAT'S RIGHT...

CAN'T REALLY BLAME THEM. ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED? SO UNFAIR TO...

.....

NOT THE WAY I HEARD IT. I HEARD ...

THE BOY? WHO CAN TELL? I HEARD...

!

LEARN FROM THIS!

.....

!

NOT IN HER CONDITION! FOOLISHNESS!

SAND SCULP-TURES AND LIKE FOOL-ISHNESS! SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN OUT!

TAINTED BLOOD WILL TELL! KILLED HER SURE AS ANYTHING ELSE, YOU DID! SELFISH! LIKE YOUR FATHER!

WH-WHAT ?!

SILLY OLD WOMAN.

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THE JUSTICE WITHIN...

...SHE DID WHAT SHE KNEW WAS RIGHT. I'LL NEVER DO ANY LESS THAN THAT. EVER! SEE IF I DON'T!

SHE DID WHAT SHE KNEW WAS RIGHT. SHE STAYED WITH ME AND HUGGED ME ALL NIGHT BECAUSE SHE KNEW IT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME.

Remanded to social services.

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

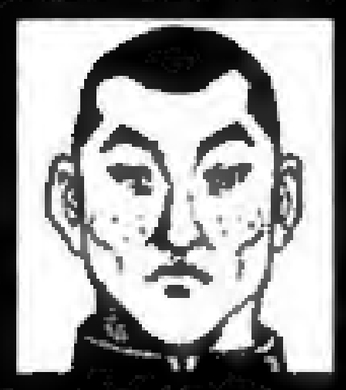
10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawai



18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda

19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF

On the next exciting episode of The Program!

Shinji Mimura and Yutaka Sato are determined to put The Program on a permanent hiatus. However, when Yutaka nearly blows their latest plan, Shinji finds that his patience with the bumbling Sato is running out. After this incident, will it be The Program that's handed an early cancellation, or young Yutaka?

Meanwhile, Noriko has recovered from her fever and is ready to travel. But when Shuuya and company run into Hiroki, will the reunion be one of cheers...or tears?

And finally, with Class B's numbers dwindling, you knew it was coming. Having eliminated most of their classmates, "Killer Kazuo" now takes aim at Shuuya and Shogo. Who will survive this savage showdown? Strap on your Kevlar, the bullets are gonna fly!

Only 20 students remaining!

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